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Loftus E. Becker, a New York attorney, has been named deputy to the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency and Dr. Sherman Kent of New Haven, Conn., a Yale professor of history, has been appointed an assistant director. A partner in the New York City law firm of Cahill, Gordon, Zachry, and Reindel, Mr. Becker joined CIA in April 1951. During World War II he served as an intelligence officer with the Ninth Army in Europe. For many years a member of the Yale faculty, Dr. Kent left that institution in November 1950 to join CIA. During World War II he served with the Office of Strategic Services. Following the war he went on leave from Yale to become instructor at the National War College in Washington. Dr. Kent is the author of several books including one on "Strategic Intelligence."

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(Biographical data attached)

#### LOFTUS E. BECKER

A New York City attorney with Cahill, Gordon, Zachry, and Reindel since 1938, Mr. Becker came to CIA in April 1951. Enlisting as a private in the United States Army in 1942, he was discharged in 1945 with the rank of major. After service with the Ninth Army in Europe, he attended the Nuremberg trials as an advisor on German military organizations.

Mr. Becker was born in Buffalo, New York, on April 29, 1911. He was educated in the public schools there and at Harvard College and Harvard Law School, receiving his B. A. in 1932 and his LL. B. in 1936. After graduation he was associated with a law firm in Honolulu for two years before returning to his home state.

Married to the former Ellen Van der Voort of Ingomar, Pa., he has three children.

#### DR. SHERMAN KENT

On leave from his position as Professor of History at Yale University, Dr. Sherman Kent joined CIA in November 1950 shortly after the reorganization of that agency.

From 1941 to 1946 he served first with the Office of Coordination of Information, thereafter with its successor organization, the Office of Strategic Services. In the latter organization Dr. Kent directed research and analysis on Europe, Africa, and the Near East. With the transfer of those activities to the State Department at the war's end, Dr. Kent became Acting Director of the Office of Research and Intelligence of the State Department, which position he held until June 1946. He served as a member of the resident civilian faculty of the National War College in the fall term of 1946. In 1947, as a Guggenheim fellow, he wrote "Strategic Intelligence," and later that year returned to Yale University.

Born in Chicago on December 1, 1903, Dr. Kent was educated in Washington, California, and at Yale where he received his Ph. B. in 1926 and his Ph. D. in 1933. A member of the Yale faculty since 1928, he maintains homes both in New Haven, Conn., and in Kentfield, Calif. His wife is the former Elizabeth Gregory of San Francisco. They have two children.

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